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Did We REALLY Find Noah's Ark? PLUS The Most Amazing Jesus Discovery with @JeremiahJohnstonPdD

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FRANK:
Ladies and gentlemen, where else are you going to go to hear a discussion about Noah's Ark, about perhaps the most amazing archaeological discovery related to Jesus, about jihad, and progressive Christianity and politics all in one show? Nowhere else are you going to find that than right here on the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast with me, Frank Turek, and one of my favorite guests of all time, the great Dr. Jeremiah Johnston, ladies and gentlemen.

JEREMIAH:
JJJ's in the house.

FRANK:
All the way from the Islamic Republic of Texas. No, not quite yet.

JEREMIAH:
Almost.

FRANK:
Not quite yet, Dr. Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH:
If I have anything to do about it? Heck no.

FRANK:
That's right. But Dr. Jeremiah, as you know, has a Ph.D. He's attended Oxford University, many other colleges and universities.

We've had them on the show before to talk about archaeology and other issues. But Jeremiah, we're going to talk about so many great issues today. We got to jump into it right now. Why don't we talk about what's going on politically? Because election day is just in a few days. Texas

is a battleground right now between James Talarico and Ken Paxton How do you see it right now? What's going on down there?

JEREMIAH:
Well, I'm concerned, Frank. We've got to get out the vote. We have to get Christians mobilized to vote biblical values. And what's really clear with the candidates is the line between light and darkness has never been easier to read, in my opinion. Do you want to vote for a candidate that is pro-life, that protects children from being mutilated, or do you want to vote for a candidate that dehumanizes humans and babies and kills them?

And this is where I cannot implore you enough. I know you have a very large audience. Everyone watching, everyone listening, I don't want you just to vote, but I want you to do what my wife Audrey and I are doing. When you bump into people, waitresses, servers, nurses, people when you're walking by, say, "Hey, have you voted yet?" You need to get to the polls, and you need to vote because this is Christian stewardship.

FRANK:
Yes, 90% of Muslims will vote. 50% of Christians will not vote, ladies and gentlemen. Why is that? Now, you might go, Frank, you know, I'm not registered. I don't know if I'm registered. I don't know where the candidate stands. We've got a nonpartisan solution for you, ladies and gentlemen. Go to voteyourfaith.net. Voteyourfaith.net, where you can find out if you're registered, if not, how to get registered. You can find out where all the candidates stand at a nonpartisan website, so you can make a biblically informed decision.

Let's talk about a couple of the races quickly before we get to Noah's Ark and that amazing discovery related to Jesus. James Talarico, who claims to be a Christian but says some things, in fact, almost everything he says disagrees with Jesus and the Bible. Here's one thing he says related to abortion. He said this on CNN a week or two ago. Let's play the clip.

[**VIDEO**]:
And the Bible is silent on the issue of abortion. It means you and I both have to look at different scriptures to try to come to a conclusion. [**END VIDEO**].

FRANK:
Okay, Dr. Jeremiah Johnston—

JEREMIAH:
Hold my, hold my diet ginger ale while I answer this question if you don't mind. So I'm a New Testament scholar. I'm a historical Jesus scholar. The a lot I know a little about as a PhD is the Greek New Testament.

And what that man just said, that candidate running for Senate in Texas, James Talafreako, just said, is that the Bible is silent on abortion. And Frank, nothing could be further from the truth. I give you the passage, Luke chapter 1, verse 41, where Luke champions the unborn. He calls the child in the womb brephos in Greek. B-R-E-P-H-O-S is how we transliterate it.

The same word that he uses for Jesus is the baby in a manger. So I'm appealing to incarnation passages right now that the Bible clearly defines life in the womb as human life. And the Christian ethic is: guess what, we take care of all life from conception to the tomb and then into eternity. And so again, friends, we have to think, this is where your ministry is so crucial, Frank.

Cross Examined. We've got to think with a biblical worldview. We've got to think like Jesus so we can act like Jesus. And I'm really worked up about this, if you can tell, because I'm tired of people like James Talarico twisting scripture, and then making it, weaponizing it to say something it never intended, and then that influences a credulous public that unfortunately doesn't have a Christian worldview.

FRANK:
Yeah, thou shalt not murder should cover that there, James. And by the way, if there's any doubt about what the Bible or even natural law says about abortion, you should certainly give the benefit of the doubt to life, quite obviously. And James Talarico does the opposite. Now, we've got to say this because we have to be fair here, Dr. Jeremiah, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, and that is Ken Paxton does have problems in terms of morality in his own life.

So, what do we do when we have a guy like James Tallarico, who appears to be a nice guy, right? And then you look at Ken Paxton, who has done some really good things from a policy perspective, but you know he's committed adultery, he's divorced, he's been impeached by his own party, that kind of thing. What do we say? How do you vote for a guy like that?

JEREMIAH:
I love this question because when I go into the voting block, which I've already voted, I did early voting here in Texas.

I'm not voting for my Valentine. I'm not voting for my pastor. I'm voting for a candidate that represents biblical worldview on the issues. It's that clear to me. And I would put this in the medical arena as well. If an atheist is the greatest surgeon in the world on something I need surgery on, I'm going to go to that person who is the world's expert. Same with a believer. I'm going to go to that person that represents the benefit of society.

And so. I would encourage people, we're not voting for our Valentine. We're not voting for our pastor. We're not voting for the most moral candidate. We're voting for simply, again, what is voting? This is the 250th year anniversary of our country. We are simply voting for a representative to represent our views in Washington. It's that simple.

FRANK:
Yeah, and I think one of the reasons that we have candidates that often we have to hold our nose to vote into office is because Christians are not involved politically enough.

When half of Christians don't vote and even more than half don't vote in the primaries, you get compromised candidates. If Christians, if Christians were engaged more from the beginning, we'd have much better candidates to vote for. But the parties have gone so far apart, Jeremiah, that it's really hard to see how a Christian could vote for an open-border, pro-abortion, not just pro-abortion, but somebody who wants to pay for abortion from the government from taxpayer funds.

Somebody who wants to trans children. Somebody that actually wants to weaponize the Bible in a negative way. In fact, here's James Talarico again. Here he is on Jimmy Kimmel talking about what Jesus would do in the U.S. Senate.

[**VIDEO**]:
I often wonder what would Jesus do if he visited the U.S. Senate? I think he would tell the senators on the floor, "Depart from me, for I was hungry and you cut my food assistance. I was sick and you kicked me off Medicaid. I was a stranger and you deported me and my family." And then I think he would flip over those fancy desks on the floor of the U.S. Senate and demand that we take care of all of our neighbors, especially the least of these. [**END VIDEO**].

FRANK:
Wow, wow, that sounds so good, Dr. Jeremiah. But what is James Talarico getting wrong and not just wrong a little bit, wrong a lot?

JEREMIAH:
He gets a capital I for eisegesis. He takes a scripture out of context to form his own pretext and then foists that wrong interpretation on the Senate. What he just said literally flies in the face of the spirit of the Gospels. We have in this great country, the United States of America, a great love for everyone, human freedom. I can say this because, Frank, I've, you're right. I've lived in Canada.

I've lived in England. I've lived in other countries and then visited many other countries as you have that do not have the freedoms that we have. And so, to say that Jesus, that's just a talking point, trying to get motivation. And again, as Christians, we have to see through that and see how dumb that is what he just said. When we look at America is the great beacon for religious freedom around the world, give me a break. I mean, again, just that flies in the face of reality.

FRANK:
Yeah, and he seems to be applying a verse that is dealing with a command to individuals as a command to government. The New Testament never says the government ought to be taking care of the poor. The New Testament, even the Old Testament, doesn't say that you ought to have open borders and you ought not enforce your laws. It's exactly the opposite that God set up governments for a reason: to protect innocent people from evil.

JEREMIAH:
That's exactly right. And Jude has a name for what James Talarico is doing. If you open your Bibles to the short book of Jude in 25 verses, Jude uses 36 descriptors about these waterless clouds, these fruitless trees. He calls them twice dead, uprooted. These men who take the Bible and then twist it on its head to make it say something else. And we can give them no quarter. We have to call them what they are.

FRANK:
Yeah, the interesting thing is, someone like James Talarico wants the government to do what Christians should do, and he wants nobody to do what the government should do. He doesn't want anybody to enforce the laws. So it may sound good, but it's—

JEREMIAH:
I don't want to live in that society.

FRANK:
Completely out of phase. That's right. All right, we're going to talk a lot more with the great Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston. We're going to get to Noah's Ark and an amazing Jesus discovery and a little bit more on the political issue right after the break. Don't go anywhere. We're back in two minutes.

Ladies and gentlemen, where else are you going to find a discussion about progressive Christianity in politics, i.e., James Talarico, a jihadist in politics, we're about to talk about him, and Noah's Ark, and maybe the most amazing Jesus archaeological discovery in history? We're going to get to it all with the great Dr. Jeremiah Johnston today here on the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist program and podcast.

Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, tell us a little bit about your website, christianthinkers.com, before we get into the talk about the jihadist in politics. Go.

JEREMIAH:
Christianthinkers.com exists to help every Christian become a thinker and thinker become Christians. That's what we exist for. That's our mission. And so you can go to my website right now. I've got scorecards on different archaeological finds.

We've got all kinds of podcasts and great materials, blogs, YouTubes, you name it. To help you learn to be a Christian thinker in every aspect of your life and especially relevant to the things we're discussing on the program today and having said that we are so excited to have you, Frank Turek, on our brand new Hold the Pattern podcast here at Prestonwood Church when you speak at our men's events, So we just started that with Dr. Jack Graham, and we can't wait to have you as a guest

FRANK:
That's going to be the men's events in January, correct?

JEREMIAH:
That's right, that's right. We can't wait to have you.

FRANK:
I'm looking forward to being down there. Let's talk a little bit more about Texas politics, what's going on down there and around the country. So James Talarico has said some crazy things. That's why some call him Talafreako and people go, "Well, you shouldn't call people names."

Well, Jesus did. When the shoe fits, sometimes you've got to communicate that. They've called him Talafreako for some crazy things he said, like trans children need abortion or trans people need abortion, and trans children are something that's good and we ought to encourage. We already talked about the abortion issue. What are some of the other things that you're hearing down there in Texas about Mr. Talarico?

JEREMIAH:
Well, he's interviewing his dad, his grandfather. You almost feel sorry for him. Whoever's doing his ads is a wizard. His grandfather is a pastor who just says amen or yes on the ads, and so he's propping himself up as this messianic candidate. But really, he has the spirit of antichrist all over him.

I can't assess it any more clearly than that. Everything that comes out of his mouth is antithetical to Jesus' teaching and dominical tradition, and to the great tradition of Christianity rehumanizing women and children, everything the man says stands against that. While he also says nothing about the great genocide of abortion that occurs within his base, we have to speak up against these things. And one thing I do want to mention, you said on the before the break at our church, I'm so glad we have 25 different members of our church that are right now running for public office or currently in public office. So, we need more Christians to rise up within the ranks and take public office and take biblical worldviews to D.C.

FRANK:
Wow, that is amazing. And part of the reason that someone like James Talarico can do what he does is because Christians are uninformed on their own Bible. They don't seem to understand there's a different role for the government that there is for the church, that there is for the family. And James Talarico confuses all those things, and yet then he tries to promote abortion up to the moment of birth with the government paying for it.

He tries to promote the transing of kids. He tries to say he's not for open borders, but of course he is. He keeps trying to change his positions based on the previous things that he said. And Ken Paxton, you look at him and you go, "Yeah, I got some problems with him personally, but at least when it comes to a policy perspective," it's kind of like the same problems we have with Trump, you know.

JEREMIAH:
Exactly.

FRANK:
Personal problems with Trump, but from a policy perspective, generally they're supporting policies that are biblical. Now what about this guy? I can't believe this guy is running for the United States Senate in Michigan, but we need to know about him, Abdul El Salid. And here's what he said recently.

[**VIDEO**]:
I look forward to pushing forward legislation that would preempt localities from participating with ICE, and using their local resources to do the same. Beyond that, we've also got to make sure that in this state We are not discriminating by documentation status. Right now, if you're undocumented, you don't get access to a driver's license, so you're stuck. You don't get access to a lot of the basic things the state offers everybody else, and I think that's ridiculous. And so we've got to stop discriminating that way. [**END VIDEO**].

FRANK:
We can't discriminate against illegal aliens. What, is he suggesting that we've got to give illegal aliens benefits that even American citizens don't have? Yeah, that's what he's saying.

JEREMIAH:
More than—

FRANK:
Where's it gone wrong here?

JEREMIAH:
More than felons, he's more than a convicted felon. We should give undocumented. You know what? I'm offended by this, Frank, because you don't know this about me. My Opa, Alois Huf, immigrated to this country from Czechoslovakia through Ellis Island. He did it the legal way. He got three jobs, including playing a trumpet in a nightclub. Missionaries brought him to America, and my Opa died spending three days a week of his life evangelizing men in jails.

And it is a slap in the face to men and women who come legally to our country, and the things that they do to pledge allegiance to our country, and then ultimately gain citizenship to our country, for a candidate like this to say we need to give driver's license and voting privileges and even more rights than we give to convicted felons to undocument. That's not biblical, and you cannot have a just society with those kinds of laws.

That's what it comes down to. It becomes quickly law of the jungle, and do you see what happens when you eliminate God when you have a candidate who is connected to the Muslim Brotherhood, who has an Islamic worldview, we have to say what you've said often: bad ideas, you know, they're terrible, and but guess what, some bad ideas have body counts with them. And I have debated Adnan Rashid and Inayat Bunglawala, who was supportive of Osama bin Laden after 9/11.

I have gone toe to toe with Muslims in debates, and guess what? They have the finances and the funding to carry out their designs in their worldview. When I was living in Oxford in 2009 to 2012, that was right when Sharia finance was coming to London and they were allowing financial practices. And I remember living there, and now because they've aborted an entire working class in England, you have basically the UK has become a Muslim country.

And guess why that happened, Frank? This is documented. I attended a doctoral seminar on this. Martin Lloyd Jones, the preacher who is more, more prepared to preach out against abortion, he read the British Medical Journal every Saturday night, never once spoke out against abortion. And during his ministry is when all of the abortion rights acts were passed. They aborted a working class.

And now the UK is a Muslim country. And friends, if you want that to happen to America, just do nothing. Say nothing like Martin Lloyd Jones. Just do nothing and it will overpower you.

FRANK:
Yes, and this is not Islamophobia, ladies and gentlemen, because Islam is not a race, it's not an ethnicity, it's an ideology. And we only have 1400 years of history to know that wherever Islam takes over, rights go away, including your right to preach and live the gospel. And El Sayed, his family has been supportive of the Muslim Brotherhood since the beginning. He's trying to say he doesn't agree with that—

JEREMIAH:
A terrorist organization.

FRANK:
He can't when he's asked a question, do you condemn Hamas? Do you condemn Hezbollah? He won't condemn them. It's really hard to see why somebody would think this guy should be in the United States Senate since he basically agrees with jihad.

And he's been coming out against Jews everywhere in this anti-Semitic sort of attitude that he has. And yet there are people who think this guy is good for the United States Senate. I don't know how they think that. Because look, you can either be for the Quran or for the United States Constitution. You can't be for both. Okay.

JEREMIAH:
Four times, four times in the Quran, it endorses sex slavery, temporary marriage for rape. I just quote their ayahs back to them. And again, most Christians don't know this. And here, here's the solution: we just need all of God's people to get out and vote. That's the solution. We can get mad or we can get active, and we need you activated at the polls, voting your biblical worldviews, and that will handle itself.

FRANK:
Voteyourfaith.net.

JEREMIAH:
I believe in the people of God.

FRANK:
Voteyourfaith.net, ladies and gentlemen, you can get registered. You can see where all the candidates stand. Voteyourfaith.net. It matters. It matters to the gospel. Because the laws that are made affect your ability to preach and live the gospel, and it matters to people's lives. As our friend Allie Beth Stuckey says, politics matters because politics affects policy and policy affects people, and we should be concerned about people, all people. Especially citizens because citizens are who every government is supposed to prioritize.

If I live in Mexico, I should expect the Mexican government to take care of Mexicans first, okay. And same here in America, same here no matter where you go. That's why we have governments. That's why we have borders, ladies and gentlemen. All right, so voteyourfaith.net. There's more we could say, but we got to move on to some of the most amazing things hitting the internet now, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, and you've been a part of it.

Noah's Ark and an amazing discovery that could be the most amazing discovery related to Jesus ever. Let's start with Noah's Ark. We've got some. Do we have a picture of that, Jorge, we can show? People are saying that Noah's Ark has been found on Mount Ararat in Turkey. And Dr. Jeremiah J.

Johnston, you are skilled in this area. You have a scorecard about whether or not you think this truly is Noah's Ark. Someone said it's been 100% confirmed—

JEREMIAH:
That's correct.

FRANK:
Dr. Johnston—

JEREMIAH:
Yep. They said—

FRANK:
Tell us about it. What's going on?

JEREMIAH:
First off, anything that gets the algorithm excited about the Bible and people talking about scripture excites me. So I'm excited that Noah's Ark is flooding the internet.

No pun intended. But I want to look at this. Again, I don't do Christian history. I don't privilege something because it's in the Bible. I look at it as I would the Civil War. I look at it as I would any other historical event. And the cool thing about Noah's Ark is we know that the Scriptures say that it was a global flood, and we know that Genesis 8 says in verse 4 that it came to rest. That's a cognitive shalom.

It literally meant it came to stop, ruah is the word rest in Hebrew, on the mountains of Ararat. And for the benefit of your audience, Frank. That would be like me saying it came to rest in the Rocky Mountain region. That's all scripture tells us. We have in eastern Turkey the mountain region of Ararat. It's very close to the Armenian border, and what we have, this essentially grassy hill at an elevation of 6,500 feet that kind of looks like a boat.

And right now they're using something called GPR. And so I learned this in Oxford. You always want to present your opposite opposition's case in the best possible way. They have used ground penetrating radar, and you can interpret it any way you want, and it kind of looks like a boat. The problem with that is my friend Randall Price, an actual archaeologist who's visited the site numerous times, he was looking at the peaks of Ararat, which is at 14,000 feet, 8,000 feet higher.

He never found it. So unless Noah had a fleet of ships, I have serious questions. And in the show notes, I provided a link for your audience, crossexamined only. To go and actually look at my scorecard. Another thing believers need to understand is, and everyone really, this site we've been aware of since 1959. Why is it called Darupanar? Captain Darupanar saw this interesting shape of what looks like an aerial photo as a boat.

Took a picture of it in 1959, but then went to study it with geologists in 1960. And guess what? All the geologists said, no, that's a natural geologic formation. And so, right now, I've got zero out of 10 on my scorecard for why I'm not convinced that this is the site of Noah's Ark because it's based on geological records. My friend Henry, well, our late friend Henry Morris's son at ICR, Institute of Creation Research, his son, who's a geological engineer, Frank, went to Ararat and Darupanar, specifically 13 different times and said it is a natural geological formation.

I don't care that they found pottery, you know, that'd be like me finding this in your house, saying you had a Coke factory in your house. No, I'm not convinced. So check out the scorecard.

FRANK:
Yeah, we'll talk more about it right after the break. And what you just said there about the Bible came to rest on the mountains of Ararat, does that have any significance? We'll unpack it right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist on the American Family Radio Network and other stations around the country with me, Frank Turek. My guest today, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston of ChristianThinkers.com and Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, we're back right after the break.

AD:
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FRANK:
Everybody's been claiming that Noah's Ark has been found on Mount Ararat. Is that true? We're going to talk to an expert in just a minute, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston. Don't go anywhere. And then we're also going to have another amazing archaeological discovery about Jesus, you're going to want to hear about. But I want to mention that what's coming up this week. First of all,

we got election day on the 3rd. You know about that. VoteYourfaith.net if you want to know where the candidates stand and see if you are registered and how to get registered and what you need to bring to vote.

The next day, going to be out at the TPUSA event in Phoenix, Dream City Church. This is called Freedom Night. Charlie Kirk started this. Now Lucas Miles is emceeing it. I'll be his guest that night. All the details are on our website. That is November 4th. Then on November 7th, it's going to be out at the Maven Conference with my friend Brett Kunkle and his wife Erin Kunkle.

The Maven Conference is going to be in San Antonio, Texas, not far from the airport. Check out the details. It is Saturday the 7th. And then on the 9th, we're going to be doing, in Charlotte, the third edition of the War on Reality. We're going through the book and we're going to talk about the fact that reality does not have pronouns, and how do you know right from wrong?

That's all going to be in the War on Reality event that'll be live streamed 7:30 p.m. Eastern on November 9th and we got a lot more coming up after that, including we're going to be in in Denver. Actually, it's going to be the 13th of November. The TPUSA Make Heaven Crowded, not far from Colorado Springs. I think it's going to be up at Charis Bible College.

Then we're going to be at Calvary Fellowship on the 15th. That's down in Miramar, Florida, down near Miami. All the details are on our website. Check it out there. Let me go back to my guest, the great Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston.

JEREMIAH:
At your service, Frank. I love being with you, man.

FRANK:
The Bible does say that Noah's ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. That's why in 2006, 20 years ago, I went with my friend Bob Cornuke and Josh McDowell and several other people to Iran because Bob and others thought that, that if the ark came down, it came down in the mountains of Ararat, a range, and the Elburz Mountains to the northwest of Tehran could be the area known as Ararat.

We went there. We had somebody from World War II thinking he saw the ark there when we got there. It looked like just a natural formation. So, I've been told, I don't know if this is true, but I've been told that Mount Ararat, the one that is being investigated now, was named by the

Armenians in about 1200 AD. It is not a mountain range. It is one mountain. What are your thoughts on this?

JEREMIAH:
Well, it's very insightful and it's cool that you've been there because the issue that I have with Mount Ararat, as you say, and Darupanar, that mountainous region, is it's actually not a mountain region. It's known as a stratovolcano. And here's why what Cornuke was looking at was compelling. It's my belief, based on history, that that mountain wasn't even there during the, after the flood.

Because it's a stratovolcano, after many lava flows, that mountain would have formed over several years, and so it's not even there at 14,000 feet because it is a lava region, and that lava is what has caused not only this site that you've seen in the images to look like a boat; there's at least 11 other hills in that very lava enriched region that look like boats from the air.

And so again, you can look at GPR and Frank, I have to be honest, I'm not calling this Noah's Ark scans. I'm calling this Noah's Ark scams right now. And, by the way, change my mind. Answer my 10 questions on my scorecard. Right now, I give them a negative one because they're charging people thousands of dollars to come to their dig site. Hey, I know how to do an archaeological dig. You raise money, you'd get students there, people volunteer.

You don't charge people to come see it when you make these huge claims. I would never come out and say we have 100% authenticity of XYZ. Historians, we don't speak in certainties, Frank. We speak in historical probabilities. And yet, the headline quoting them accurately, because my friend wrote the story, Stacy, the science reporter at the Daily Mail, they said we have 100% found Noah's Ark.

And guess what? There's a donate page on every single part of their website. And again, a credulous Christian public gets out their pocketbook. I've had members of my own church say, "Jeremiah, should I donate to this?" And I'm saying, "No, we have to let these scientific researchers play out." Not until I see peer-reviewed studies. And again, the site is not new. It's been around for 67 years, Frank. 66 years.

FRANK:
If they found wood, ancient wood there, would that change your mind?

JEREMIAH:
I would have to have two labs and that would have to be mineralized wood, gopher wood, which nobody knows what gopher wood is—

FRANK:
Oh, I know what gopher wood is. That's when Noah turned to his sons and said, "Hey, gopher wood."

JEREMIAH:
Dad joke. Heaven, I love that. That's, gosh, I'm going to use that with my boys tonight. Gopher wood. Here's my issue with it, though. You think about the global catastrophe of the flood, and what would have been left when the Noah's ark came to rest. I believe that Noah and his Family actually dismantled the ark and used it for shelter, used it for firewood and used it to survive. I don't, the ark had served its purpose. Why would you keep all this rich wood right there and just keep; you would use it to live and survive and rebuild civilization.

FRANK:
Hey, by the way, ladies and gentlemen, if you're doubting that such an event could occur, you don't realize that the most amazing miracle in the Bible is not Noah's ark, it's not Jonah, it's not even the resurrection. The greatest miracle in the Bible is the first verse. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And even atheists are admitting the universe had a beginning. Of course, they don't think it's God, but what else could it be? And by the way, we cover this in the brand new update.

I haven't even mentioned this on to radio listeners yet, but the brand new update to *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* just came out this week. The brand new update, we cover all this. It's in the updated version of I Don't Have Enough Fate to Be an Atheist. After 22 years, we finally updated it. It's there. Check it out. And by the way, every single major civilization that goes back that far has a flood story.

JEREMIAH:
That's right.

FRANK:
Why? Because a flood really happened. Anyway, go ahead. Sorry.

JEREMIAH:
Oh, I was just saying we actually have a dozen. We have a dozen different. We have references as far as China for the Great Flood. And I just have to give a plug for your book. We assign your book at Prestonwood Christian Academy to our 2,000 students. I can't wait. I'm jealous, Frank. Why do I not have your new book in my hand already?

FRANK:
It's on the way. It's in the mail.

JEREMIAH:
Okay.

FRANK:
So it's coming out, but ladies and gentlemen, in the show notes of this broadcast, you'll see links to what Dr. Jeremiah is talking about. We have a scorecard, his scorecard for whether or not this Noah's Ark alleged discovery is good or not, and he doesn't. You're not very optimistic. It's zero for 10 right now.

JEREMIAH:
It's negative one, and again, I give the questions, I bring all the receipts, I bring all the geologists points, and I'm in alignment with a lot of other people that are very skeptical about this, and again, this is where we have to get past the soundbites of the internet, and we got to get to the substance.

FRANK:
And we're going to do that, and you went into a lot more depth on my friend Josh Howerton, our mutual friend Josh Howerton's podcast, Live Free. We're going to put that podcast in the show notes as well.

So if you want to go further with Dr. Johnston and really evaluate these claims you're hearing about Noah's Ark check that out there in the show notes. We're gonna put his scorecard in there. We're gonna put the link to Live Free, the link to ChristianThinkers.com and many other links that will help you evaluate this. Look, we gotta be honest, I'd love to find Noah's Ark. But if this isn't it, it's not it.

JEREMIAH:
Right.

FRANK:
Right?

JEREMIAH:
Right. Yeah, we're wasting our time.

FRANK:
Yeah, that's right. That's right. All right, but we're open to being convinced. If they do the right tests and it comes back in such a way that it's positive, great. I'd love to say it's—

JEREMIAH:
Well, and I was a huge skeptic of the Shroud of Turin until I realized 102 academic disciplines had peer-reviewed published in literally in the academic space over years. That's what convinced me. So I didn't make the conclusion before I actually read the materials.

FRANK:
Yes, and we did a show on with you, you know several months back on the Shroud of Turin. We'll put that in the show notes. You're going to be listening to podcasts for months, ladies and gentlemen. All right. All right. Now let's go to this next discovery. We've talked about it on this show before. It's sort of an under the radar discovery, and your book, Dr. Jeremiah Johnston, has it in there.

Your book about the Jesus discoveries, which has been a New York Times bestseller for several weeks, ladies and gentlemen. Dr. Johnston goes through the top discoveries related to Jesus, and this one you may not have heard about. Well, if you listen to this podcast, we've talked about it, but you may not have heard about it. We do have it in the new version of *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*. But it's the James Ossuary, and for those that don't know what an ossuary is, Dr. Johnston, what is it?

JEREMIAH:
It's a bone box made of limestone, and it's about the length of your femur. And so they vary in size, but they're never, they're never larger than an adult male femur's bone. So about 20 inches wide is a bone box, and this is really cool, Frank, because Jews practiced something called second burial in the late Second Temple period. It was their subtle rebellion against Rome, where on the year anniversary of your family member's death, you would gather the bones out of the family tomb, and then you would clean them and you would place the bones that were

left, the skeletal remains, in a family bone box, and then you would write the person's name and who they were the child of on the outside of the limestone box.

I've probably touched more ossuaries than anyone you've ever been, than anyone you've ever interviewed because they're all over the land of Israel. What's fascinating about the James Ossuary is this for your audience: what rises and falls and what's at stake? I believe the James Ossuary, which actually has the name of James on it, it says James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus.

FRANK:
Hey, let's show the inscription on the screen if we can, Jorge. Let's put it up there.

JEREMIAH:
We have 50 characters here. This is in Aramaic: Ya'akov bar Yosef, son. That's Jacob. That's James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus. There's a professor, and I'll give this in the show notes for my James scorecard, who puts it at 98 percent, given the population of that time, that this is the Jesus of the Bible that we're talking about.

To have those three names, which, yes, they're common names, but those three together on an ossuary at that time, and it's the perfect time. It's AD 62. Ossilegium would come to an end, to an end in AD 70 with the decimation of Jerusalem by the Roman, by the Romans, and he puts it at 98% probability that this is the Jesus of the Bible. So think about what is at stake.

James is on the margins of the gospel narrative, but in the book of Acts he becomes central to the apostolic witness. And Josephus is the one who tells us in his Antiquities 18 and 20 about James dying, believing his brother is the Messiah. So, Frank, do you realize what's at stake? This is a link archaeologically to the very family of Jesus and to the resurrection event itself.

Because why else? We have 900 ossuaries. You know, you write a book on something and then you go to graduate school and you keep learning. I've learned so much more about this ossuary, and we need to get more excited about it because I'm actually bringing it to Dallas in 2027. Not a replica. Oded Golan, who acquired this in the 1970s, has become a dear friend of mine, and I've heard the entire story, and I am convinced, based on the epigrapher's analysis in Israeli Supreme Court, that this is not a forgery, this is not a hoax. There's patina in the cracks of those 50 characters, five letters that say this is James, the brother of Jesus.

FRANK:
Wait, wait, wait, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston. There are people out there saying this is an ancient forgery. We're gonna look at if it is, but it literally says on the side of this bone box, James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus. How many other ossuaries have the brother name? We'll reveal it right after the break. Don't go anywhere. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with me, Frank Turek, back in just a couple of minutes.

You know, ladies and gentlemen, there are a lot of faiths out there that claim they are the truth. You've got Islam, you've got Mormonism, you've got Jehovah's Witnesses. How can you actually show people that, no, orthodox biblical historic Christianity is true? Well, one way you can do it is ask the right questions and have the evidence on hand. And my friend, Dr. Brady Blevins, is about to start Conversations with the Faiths.

It's an online course that you can be a part of. It's going to help you witness to people who are Mormons, who are Muslims, who are Jehovah's Witnesses. It starts this week, November 2nd. If you're listening to this after November 2nd, you can still join. Go to crossexamined.org, click on online courses. You'll see it there. Conversations with the Faiths. It's going to help you be able to bring the gospel to people who don't have the right view of the gospel.

And they include Mormons, Muslims, and Jehovah's Witnesses. You want to be a part of it. By the way, there's no archaeological evidence that Mormonism is true, but there is archaeological evidence that Christianity is true. Now, let me push back on my guest a little bit here, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, who has come to us with what is known as the James Ossuary. This is the brother of Jesus, and Josephus tells us that he is martyred in 62 A.D.

Josephus is a Jewish historian, maybe saw this himself because he was in Jerusalem at the time, or at least in Israel, because he lived from 37 A.D. to about 100 A.D. And he says that James dies at the hands of the Sanhedrin. They throw him off the Temple Mount. They stone him to death. A year later, his body would have been put into a limestone box known as an ossuary. But, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, you say that this is a legitimate ossuary, but I hear scholars saying, no, it's a forgery. The box may be old, but the inscription was added later. What do you say to that?

JEREMIAH:
Absolutely. Again, I go right back to my scorecard for the James Ossuary, and this was adjudicated in Israeli Supreme Court. Oded Golan, who acquired the ossuary in 1976, had the funds.

He's not a dealer. He's a wealthy man, and he had the funds to fight the government. I mean, who wins when the government wants it? And really, he believes that the government just wanted this. ossuary because of its uniqueness. We have 900 ossuaries we've recovered that have names on them. We have only one that claims they're the brother of someone. So again, there's only a 1.7% chance, and I give this citation in the scorecard.

I bring all the receipts in my scorecard. There's only a 1.7% chance that, or in other words, a 98% chance it is Jesus, 1.7% chance it's not. And to answer your question, this was adjudicated in the Israeli Supreme Court. And a verdict was rendered. This is not a forgery based on epigraphers. I worked, I read, and I did paleography in Oxford.

That's handwriting style. I'm not an epigrapher. Epigraphers study what's incised in rock. And there is patina. It is a residue, almost like a signature, similar to the shroud. There's a residue that is 2,000 years old. So they're saying specifically that the brother of Jesus part was the forgery. Not, they're not. Actually disputing the fact that it says James, son of Joseph, they're just they're saying someone wrote later brother of Jesus that's been adjudicated.

I've read the reports myself and not only myself, Craig Evans archaeologist Scott Stripling, we're convinced this is the real McCoy, and so what is at stake here is you have James, who is a skeptic of Jesus. Mark 6 tells us that Jesus had at least four brothers. Mark gives us their names. John 7 verse 5 says not even his brothers believed on him, and yet 1 Corinthians 15:7 says that in the appearance tradition Jesus appears to James, and he becomes in Greek a column.

He becomes the pillar of the church. He becomes the senior pastor of the church after being a skeptic. Look at the arc of this man's life, and so from 33 AD to 62, Ananias, who when there was a, when there was literally no one in power, as you rightly say, in Judea, there wasn't a governor or prefect at this time, it would be called. He took the opportunity because of his hatred for the family of Jesus.

Think about the hatred of the Caiaphas family towards the family of Jesus. Ananias then what takes the opportunity to wipe out James, and that's why Josephus, who is not a friendly, he's just reporting history. He's not friendly to the Christian movement. He's just reporting the facts, gives us the martyrdom of James. And think about it, James then is the one who Paul goes to make sure he has the gospel right.

So we have a link archaeologically to the family of Jesus, but Craig Evans and I and Scott Stripling, the reason we've met with Oded, is we believe that outside of the Bible itself, the

James Ossuary is the greatest archaeological link to the resurrection event itself, because we have James who goes from skeptic to believer, and we have his name, the father's name, human father, of course, Joseph, and then we have the name of Jesus, and that is astounding.

FRANK:
And the inscription about Jesus being the brother of James, there's no other ossuary out of 900 ossuaries that have been discovered in that area that has the brother on there. Only this one.

JEREMIAH:
So your brother must have been a special guy.

FRANK:
Yeah, and that inscription about Jesus being the brother checks out to be a first-century inscription, correct?

JEREMIAH:
Correct. That's what the epigraphers say. It fits the late second half of the first century, so it's in the right place at the right time historically. And again, we know this in church history. He's called James the Just because he was so righteous. And I always tell my students it this way, Frank. The book of James, which we all love, is just a commentary on brother Jesus's Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5 through 7. It's just how to live it out.

FRANK:
It's amazing. Not only that, ladies and gentlemen, in terms of ossuaries, we have the Caiaphas Ossuary, which we can talk about. We've talked about before. It's in the *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* book. It's also in the book that Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston wrote called *The Jesus Discoveries*. You've got that. You've got the ossuary of Simon of Cyrene's son Alexander. You've got the ossuaries of Theophilus, the high priest, from about 41 AD, and his granddaughter is Joanna, which Luke appears to highlight in his gospel. And then you've got one other ossuary, the James Ossuary we're talking about. And I think there's one other I'm trying to think about right now that's significant related to the Bible. What am I missing?

JEREMIAH:
You're getting them all, Frank. I mean, that's, that's the cool part about, and why does this matter, friends?

There are apostates who have claimed that Jesus' body was left out on the cross, not buried properly or honorably, and would have been eaten by dogs. You have people like John Dominic Crossan and Bart Ehrman who have infected the biblical landscape because they just simply don't understand Jewish burial traditions. I always say that Jesus was not buried honorably, but he was buried properly.

In non-wartime Jews always buried their dead before sun fall, and especially on the eve of Passover. And so why what rises and falls with this discussion is the truth of Christianity itself that goes back to that original kerygma, that Jesus died for our sins according to Scripture. He was buried. This is verses 3 through 7 of 1 Corinthians 15, and then He rose again on the third day, highlighting Hosea 6:2 and 3.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all messianic expectation, and that's why these Jewish burial traditions, and I believe I've stood at ground zero for Matthew 27 as well, Frank, where it says others were resurrected at the moment of the resurrection, I believe those ossuaries are where Dominus Flevit is. I've filmed at those ossuaries because they're Christian ossuaries, Jewish Christian ossuaries, first generation Christian ossuaries that go back to that event itself.

FRANK:
We're gonna, yeah, we're gonna talk more about this when we get closer to Easter because you're gonna bring the ossuary to Dallas. I want to come down there and see it and maybe other people can come see it as well. So let's keep an eye on that. Also, if you want the evidence for this, we're going to put Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston's scorecard, which I'm looking at right now, we're going to put a link to that in the show notes, and maybe some links to other pictures. So you're going to be able to investigate this yourself, friends.

We're just doing it from 10,000 feet here to give you an overview. But there's one other thing we got to talk about because I saw that you were on Twitter, X, yeah, and you went after somebody for a pretty important reason you called somebody an apostate. What's the circumstance here? What's going on?

JEREMIAH:
Well, we have a pastor in Austin by the name of Zach Lambert, and he posted a picture with his good buddy Jimmy Talarico and explained that he, as a father of five, as a pastor in Austin, voted for Jimmy Talarico, and this is a pastor who has left historic Christianity and Frank, I'm just simply following what the what the book of Jude tells me to do.

You've got to call out false teaching. You pronounce and anathematize them. You literally, they are, they are an anathema to Christianity. They are the worst kind of person because apostates never leave the church. They stay in the church, and they try and infect the church. And that's exactly so. I just sat down on a Friday night. We lost our homecoming game. I was on a little bit of a bad mood for losing our homecoming game, and I just pulled out my tweet and, my X, and I just responded to his tweet and I just said what needed to be said that Arius was ordained too, so we don't care that you're ordained.

If you preach a different gospel, you lead people astray. And Jesus says it's better if you would have never been born than to do that. And so again, friends, we got to speak up with truth, and we do that with boldness and we do that with clarity. And we don't want to be silent in these days. I'm so tired of Christians who have the opportunity to speak up, and all we're doing is speaking truth, and you don't do it. We've got to speak up, and I've had so many people thank me for doing that.

And again, it was an easy thing. It took a few seconds on social media, and apparently it's made an impact. And I hope that that will inspire other Christians. When you see false teaching, follow what Jude, another brother of Jesus, did, and call it for what it's worth. Thirty-six descriptors. Jude might have been the first hip-hop artist in the Christian world because he had all kinds of descriptors for false teaching, and they weren't good.

FRANK:
And James said that, wait a minute, who am I thinking of now? Actually, no, Paul in 1 Corinthians 5 says to expel the immoral brother from your church in order to save him, and a little leaven leavens the whole loaf. He didn't want someone involved in sexual sin in his church to infect these, his congregants. So Paul says expel him, and yet this guy, this Zach Lambert guy, is actually doing same-sex weddings. Am I understanding right?

JEREMIAH:
Yeah, supportive of transgender, supportive of the entire left's agenda, using the scripture, twisting it, and again, we've got to call out apostates when we see them, and we've got to stand the line and hold the line for truth because that's what changes lives.

FRANK:
Call it out when you can, and again, friends, as election day approaches this Tuesday, voteyourfaith.net will help you get registered. It will also show you, in a nonpartisan way, where

all of the candidates in your area stand. It works in every county in America. Just go to voteyourfaith.net. Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston, tell us where people can follow you.

JEREMIAH:
Oh, just hit me up on the socials, baby. @_jeremiahj. I'm the Christian Indiana Jones. I love taking artifacts and sharing a faith lesson with them. So we're not stopping, Frank. Thank you for having me and thank you for your great ministry.

FRANK:
Absolutely. Christianthinkers.com, ladies and gentlemen. Christianthinkers.com for more on Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston. Also, check the show notes because we're putting links that he just provided us on all of this evidence for your benefit. So check it out there, and don't forget about the online course starting on November 2nd, Conversations with the Faiths. We've got to be better at preaching the gospel and bringing people to faith, and that course will help you do so. All right, friends, we'll see you here next time. God bless.